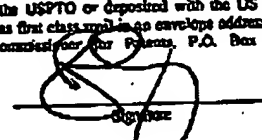


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Elnozahy	§	Group Art Unit:	2157
Serial No.:	09/864138	§	Examiner:	Najjar
Filed:	May 24, 2001	§	Attorney Docket:	AUS9 2001 0124 US1
For:	Optimistic Processing of Network Frames to Reduce Latency	§	I, the undersigned Joseph P. Lally, hereby certify that this correspondence is being furnished transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the US Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
		§	APR 13, 2005 Date	 Signature

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2005

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated February 9, 2005 (the "Office Action"), please
 amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Effective October 1, 2000

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS	20	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	20 minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

9/27/04 CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	16	Minus	20 =
	Independent	3	Minus	3 =
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	355.00	OR	BASIC FEE	710.00
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	710

SMALL ENTITY OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	14	Minus	16 =
	Independent	4	Minus	3 = 1
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	200
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	*	Minus	**
	Independent	*	Minus	***
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X40=		OR	X80=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."

*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.